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Greeting Auxiliary Members,

Wow, what a year we are having, School of Instructions and Fall Conferences are behind us and I think all went well. While SOI had a different format this year since I incorporated a mini Convention so that awards from the 2019-2020 year could be presented, I think and hope everyone enjoyed it. We were honored to have National President Nicole Clapp with us. Thank you to the Department Chairmen for their hard work in presenting their programs.

Please continue to read and reread your plans of actions and watch for any possible changes that might come out. Remember reporting for National awards will be a little different this year so please note the changes.

Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and along with that American Education Week is November 16-20, 2020. What are you going to do to support this? While some schools are still remote or hybrid learning for students some have gone back to full time in person classes. Check with your local school districts to see how you can help. NEA.org has some ideas and what the meaning of each day during the week stands for and ideas on what can be done.

Thank you for all the invitations that I have received so far, I am truly honored to be able to attend and see the awesome work that Ohio is doing for our Veterans and their families and communities. If you have an upcoming event, please email me with the details and I will do my best to try and get there. I have seen some unique and different ways units are holding fundraisers during these challenging times.

Finally, I want to thank everyone that sent Keith & I cards and notes for our recent marriage. We did have a small wedding and reception due to COVID restrictions, but it truly was a wonderful day that was celebrated with family and friends.

With much appreciation,

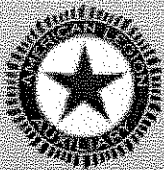
Kristen

Kathy Heichel
National Executive Committee
October, 2020

Special Committees Update

Never served on an ALA national committee? Now is the time! Log in to the MyAuxiliary member portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org to apply by Dec. 31 and help make a tremendous impact on the future of our organization.

These new committees may meet as often as weekly via videoconferencing, so technology skills and reliable internet are musts.



We're looking for YOU!

We need volunteers to serve on two special committees:

ALA Inclusion & Diversity Committee

**Want to help create a fun
and welcoming environment
for all?**

This committee will:

- Develop inclusion & diversity goals
- Expand paths to leadership
- Identify what success looks like
- Get our members on board

ALA Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committee

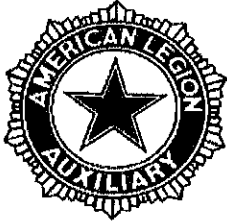
**Have experience with bylaws,
corporate policies, or working
on a board?**

This committee will:

- Review the existing Code
- Develop procedures for addressing violations
- Recommend changes to ALA Constitution & Bylaws
- NOT be addressing unit/department-level conduct

Apply by: December 31, 2020

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ALASpecialCommittees



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Ohio, Inc.

2020-2021 Poppy Order Form

PRICES: Small Poppies - \$25.00 per 100 plus Shipping & Handling (Minimum order 300 Poppies)
 Large Poppies - \$1.10 each plus Shipping & Handling (Minimum order 30 Poppies)

**NOTE: ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY
 DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CITATION OF MERIT !!!**

1. Small Poppies must be ordered and paid for by December 31, 2020 to qualify for a Citation of Merit.

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND SEPARATE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, INC.
 PO BOX 2760
 ZANESVILLE OH 43702-2760
 (740) 452-8245

PLEASE ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY!

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____

Enclosed is check # _____ for the following poppy order:

	Quantity	Amount	S & H *	Total
Small Poppies @ 25.00 per 100 (minimum 300)				
Large Poppies @ \$1.10 each (minimum 30)				
			Total Enclosed	\$

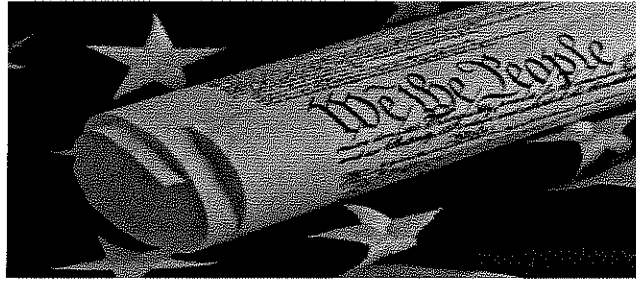
Send Poppies To:

Name _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

Shipping & Handling Table	
Small Poppies:	
300-900	\$9.00
1000-1600	\$13.00
1700-2500	\$17.00
2600-3500	\$21.00
3600-4000	\$25.00
Large Poppies:	
30 - 100	\$8.00
100-200	\$12.00

Order # _____

(For Department Use Only)



The Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the United States. Empowered with the sovereign authority of the people by the framers and the consent of the legislatures of the states, it is the source of all government powers, and also provides important limitations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of United States citizens.

We the people, of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Bill of Rights

One of the principal points of contention between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists was the lack of an enumeration of basic civil rights in the Constitution. Many Federalists argued, as in Federalist No. 84, that the people surrendered no rights in adopting the Constitution. In several states, however, the ratification debate in some states hinged on the adoption of a bill of rights. The solution was known as the Massachusetts Compromise, in which four states ratified the Constitution but at the same time sent recommendations for amendments to the Congress.

James Madison introduced 12 amendments to the First Congress in 1789. Ten of these would go on to become what we now consider to be the Bill of Rights. One was never passed, while another dealing with Congressional salaries was not ratified until 1992, when it became the 27th Amendment. Based on the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the English Bill of Rights, the writings of the Enlightenment, and the rights defined in the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights contains rights that many today consider to be fundamental to America.

A.L.A Buckeye Girls State - News

Hopefully everyone has read the Plan of Actions and has begun planning what programs your Unit is going to work. If your Unit is planning on sending delegates to A.L.A. Buckeye Girls State – now is the time to get excited. There are so many things you should already be doing and many things you can begin planning for.

Remember:

- We can't stress enough the importance of making sure you pay attention to deadline dates!
- Make sure your name and contact information is included on everything you give to the schools, potential co-sponsors, and potential delegates.
- In the October Bulk Mail, I identified some key points that can help you work with the schools, interview and select delegates. If you have lost that information, let me know and I will email it to you.

Remember:

- If your Unit isn't sending delegates to Buckeye Girls State, you can still support and help this wonderful program. How?
 - By sharing the information about the program. If you find someone who wants to have an opportunity to attend then connect them with a Unit you know is sending girls; give the information to your District President; or contact the BGS Coordinator in the office or myself.
 - Your Unit can make a donation to the BGS Endowment Fund that provides scholarships for selected BGS delegates.
- **YOU** can volunteer your time at Buckeye Girls State. What a great idea!
 - We provide a room (with furniture), three meals a day (no dishes to do), plenty of exercise (no cost), and most important, an experience that you will always remember.
 - Can't be there the whole week? No problem, let us see what we can do so that you don't miss out on this opportunity
 - If you are interested in more information, please contact Vicky Buck at the Department office.
- Finally – Please send me a mid-year report so that I know what is already being done! Deadline is December 15, 2019.

CHAPLAIN

Carol T. Robinson, Chairman

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PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

(Change for this year ONLY)

This year only, I will not be making a prayer book for President Kristen. Don't worry! President Kristen and I have come up with another fantastic idea!

Each Unit, County, or District (Seniors and Juniors) are asked to make a prayer or devotional books to give to the VA Medical Centers and/or Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), nursing homes, etc. **Remember to always get permission before dropping off the books!**

If you have nowhere to take your books, bring them to Mid-Winter, and I will make sure the books are distributed.

Instructions:

- Size: Book shall be a 3" x 5" or 5" x 7."
- Page limit: minimum of 10 pages, maximum of 25 pages
- Front Cover should read (centered):
- Book of Prayers and Devotional Readings
- The inside Cover should read (centered):
- May the readings be a reminder of God's love, guidance, and His many blessings.
- The last page should read (centered):
 - ✓ Auxiliary Emblem, District number, Unit name and number, city, and state.
 - ✓ Your name is optional, but NOT recommended.

Or

You can purchase small devotion books and put a label on the back page.

i.e., Auxiliary Emblem
 Compliments of
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 123
 123 Nowhere St.
 USA, OH

Please reach out to me with questions or concerns.



community Service

Hi, my name is Robyn Cooper and my second chairman is Becky Dippman.

We are here to race to our communities to serve our families of veterans, as well as, those who line in our communities. We would like you to report to use next April these tidbits of your activities in your narratives for your 2020-2021 Community Service reports to your district chairman and then to us – Robyn gets the reports and Becky gets the Mary Parker Plaque and the Spirit of Community Plaque.

We will be there to assist you if you need help. Our information is on the Community Service POA. Please note that Becky Dippman's correct cell phone number is (419) 409-6032. Please make this correction on your Plan of Action.

The tidbits are: time, volunteers, what did you do, and the approximate of what was spent/raised/or value of donated items to project.

REMEMBER THAT A COLUNTEER IS SOMEONE WHO DOES SOMETHING WITHOUT BEING PAID AND DOES SO TOMAKE SOMEONE SMILE AND KNOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT THEM.

Thank you, President Kristen, for this appointment.

Thank you,

Robyn and Becky

REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ALL ALA PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: HOURS, VOLUNTEERS, MONEY WITH ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATED ITEMS AND MONEY SPENT, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY. PLEASE PUT THIS INFORMATION IN A PLACE THAT YOU CAN FIND THAT WILL HELP YOU DO YOUR YEAR-END REPORTS A LOT EASIER!

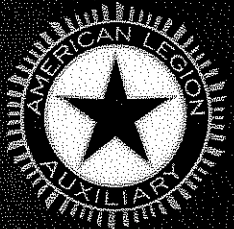
Community Service Reporting Suggestions:

Church
Food Pantries
Homeless Shelters
Senior Centers
Libraries
Community Centers
Hospitals
Nursing Homes
Domestic Violence Centers
The Red Cross
United Way
Habitat for Humanity
Special Olympics
C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team)
Meals on Wheels
Make a Difference Day (usually in October)
Community Beautification
Recycling
Adopt a Highway
Blood Donations
Organ and Tissue Donations
Loaning of Medical Equipment
Salvation Army
Youth Centers
Schools
Drug Abuse Clinics
Ohio Disaster Emergency Assistance Program (see your Community Service POA for application and more information)

Let's do this, Ohio! Send a copy of your pictures to Cyndi Underwood, C&B Chairman at cyndiunderwood73@gmail.com too!

Get Your Governing Documents • Get Your Mask • Get Involved

November 14, 2020



ALA NATIONAL READ YOUR CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS DAY

Why Create a Day to Highlight Reading Governing Documents?

- Greater understanding of governing documents is needed across all levels of the American Legion Auxiliary
- It's time to encourage activism and energy around reading the organization's governing documents
- The COVID pandemic has illuminated the need for members to become more knowledgeable about their governing documents

Join Us!

On November 14, 2020, get a copy of the ALA's governing documents (unit, district, county, department, national) and commit to reading them! Send us your photos!

\$50.00 Gift Card Challenge

Two \$50.00 gift cards will be given at 2021 ALA National Convention to the department whose submitted photographs are **Most Creative** and **Best location** utilizing an **American recognizable landmark**

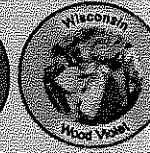
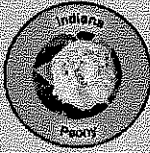
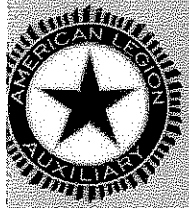
Photo submission requirements

- Members in photo must be branded with the ALA emblem and reading the booklet.
- The bright blue ALA National Constitution and Bylaws booklet must be visible in the picture.
- Winners of the gift card must use the money to support the mission of the ALA.
- Deadline for photo submission: June 1, 2021



Send Photos To Trish Ward
email: tbw_ksaux@yahoo.com

"Growing a Garden of Knowledge with Constitution & Bylaws"



Central Division Bulletin

We want to be there with you, helping you out, listening, and sharing. So, let's do this together. Is your Constitution and Bylaws up to date with the changes that happened at National Convention 2019

1. Is your Preamble changed to ALL WARS vs Great Wars?
2. Has Your eligibility criteria changed?
3. Have you changed your documentation from where it stated Committeewomen to Committeeperson?

I am here if you have any questions.

All the best to you and your family,

Wanda Brandt

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904-992-6893

**DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE, THE ALA READ YOUR CONSTITUTION
& BYLAWS DAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2020**



- Encourage members in your state to submit photos of them reading the Constitution & Bylaws in front of a favorite historical site within their state or hometown. (see attached flyer for specifics).
- The new ALA C&B will be available at Emblem Sales on October. Also, the new RONR 12th edition is on the market. I ordered mine from Amazon.

October Holidays

5th - Columbus Day

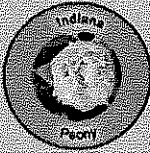
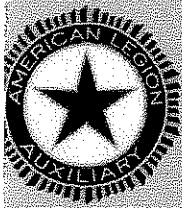
13th - Navy Birthday

16th - Boss Day

27th - Navy Day

31th - Halloween

"Growing a Garden of Knowledge with Constitution & Bylaws"



Central Division Bulletin



Inquiries to our team are best sent to our Headquarters email address: constitutionbylaws@alaforveterans.org Although I love hearing from members and welcome communication directly, inquiries related to specific requests should go to the email address mentioned above. Our team must vet through inquiries (and there are many) and assure we provide the best answers. Often this is a collective effort. Sending your inquiry to the group mailbox, saves time, confusion and assures that your inquiry is receiving the attention it deserves. We log every inquiry we

receive and make sure we have discussed and agreed upon the response before replying. We take our role very seriously and we thank you in advance for helping us maintain efficiency.

Attachments:

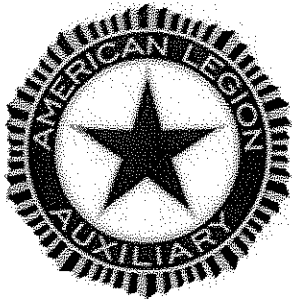
1. Newsletter
2. **DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE** "The ALA Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day"
3. National Constitution and Bylaws Booklet

The new ALA C&B is available now at Emblem Supply. For sale at \$3.95/each

The link is here:

<https://emblem.legion.org/Auxiliary-Constitution-Bylaws/productinfo/355.202/>

Submitted by Cyndi Underwood
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
Department of Ohio



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Congratulations Unit Historians! Thank you for accepting the responsibility for keeping the records, events and activities of your unit.

Whether you started your year in May or due to Covid started in June or August, whatever events your unit participated in and recorded including those virtual events, **THIS IS YOUR UNIT HISTORY** and you are charged by accepting these duties to gather, record and archive it for future generations. We applaud you for what you have done so far.

These activities and events are what you as Historian should be reporting on your **MID-YEAR report that is due December 15th**! You may also include the following ideas:

- Celebrated your 50th or 100th year birthday
- Planning your 2nd Auxiliary 100th Celebration
- Participating in the #100milesforhope Challenge
- Putting together a virtual event like an installation, meeting, workshop
- Recording a video on Flag Etiquette to publish on You Tube/Facebook
- A birthday cake and ice cream social to celebrate the Auxiliary 101st Birthday November 10, 1919 – 2020
- Recognize your oldest member and youngest member as the guests of honor; have a dinner for Veterans Day, practice social distancing.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive and Early Bird Breakfast Membership Drive

I encourage each one of you to participate in submitting a MID-YEAR report to have an opportunity to share with National Historian Peggy Munroe what Ohio does, and you could win one of the incentives:

- Best Senior or Best Junior Report
- Each Mid-Year report received will be entered into a FREE Drawing.

The drawing will be held during our Mid-Winter Conference.

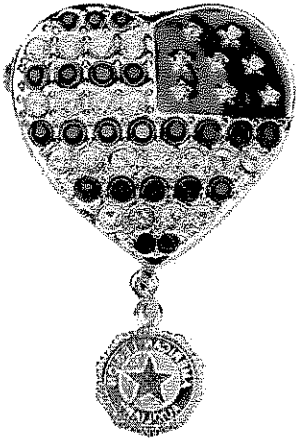
Show us How your Unit is Celebrating a Century of Service, What you are doing to encourage Americanism and Patriotism, and Why you serve our Veterans and Community.

If you need any assistance, I am always available to help!

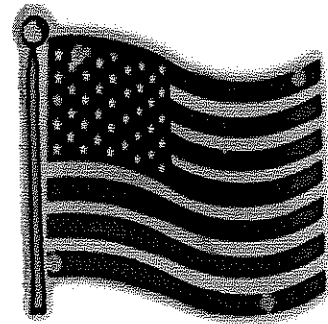
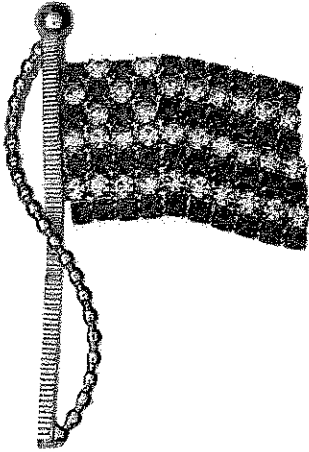
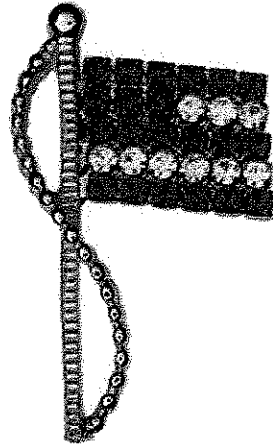
For God and Country - Dayna Beyer

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
MID-WINTER HISTORY REPORT INCENTIVE
DEADLINE: 12/15/2020

BEST SENIOR REPORT



BEST JUNIOR REPORT



SENIOR FREE DRAWING

JUNIOR FREE DRAWING

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT MID-WINTER

Junior Activities

After all the canceled events, it was nice to see Junior members at School of Instruction (SOI). Working together, the Junior Activities Advisor Team, Kat Richardson and Michelle Zayakosky helped make it very informative. We discussed the Constitution of the United States, the freedoms it allows us and the protection it provides us. The Patch Program and idea for ways to work on the various patches was discussed.

Recognition of accomplishments and awards were distributed at SOI. Our Junior Member of the year was from the 14th District, Streetsboro Unit 685, Ellie Masowick. The Helen Sloan Plaque was awarded to Stacy Humphrey of Charles H. Eyre Unit 633 in the 7th District. The Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque was awarded to Shannon Harwood of Mt. Washington Unit 484 in the 4th District. All narratives and reports were returned to the District Presidents to allow the wonderful opportunity to edit the reports and to add onto your story because they will be turned in as your narratives and report for 2019-2021.

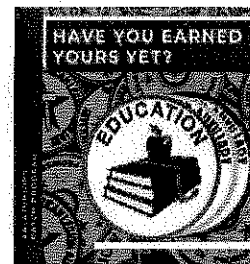
To have more Junior members participate in the “**Color Your World**” Special Project, we would like the units and districts put the items together with their Juniors and deliver to their local Veterans. It will allow Junior members that do not attend Department meetings the opportunity to participate in your project. It eliminates the Units and Districts need to bring all the items and then take them back. With cold weather setting in, the items would get to the Veterans before February, which is when they would probably get them if we dispersed at mid-winter. Units that have a facility with Veterans close, can choose to take their donations to those places. Think outside the box and check with your county Veterans Service Commission, nursing homes, homeless shelters, Fischer House and other resources to find your Veterans. There will be units that are not close or may not know where to take the donations, so we would still put together any donations we receive at mid-winter and distribute to the hospital representatives.

Honorary Junior Department President Samantha said, “I like the idea of letting the units pick whether they want to make up bags in their own units or at mid-winter. I also think if they do choose to do them at their own unit, that they should take pictures of their progress and put the pictures together in a type of collage. They could print them out and put them on a poster board or make something creative out of the pictures, which would be them making art, which goes along with my project. Once they are done with the collage or whatever they choose to do with the picture they could post it on the Juniors Facebook page, so we know exactly what units are helping in my project.”

Share what wonderful things your unit has planned to do in your school or community for Veterans Day and the holidays. Tell us the creative ways you are working with the current COVID restrictions to achieve your goals. “Power is gained by sharing knowledge, not hoarding it.”



On Saturday, the National Auxiliary President, Nicole Clapp, visited the Junior SOI meeting. It was an honor to have her speak to the members in attendance.



Isabella, Maggie, Lillian and Tucker (SAL). The Wagoner children (members of Post 14, in Bainbridge) worked hard on earning their Patch Program requirements!

Respectfully submitted, Carmella Fugate, 2019-2021 Junior Activities Department Chairperson



October Bulk Mail



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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Junior Activities

3rd Chair-Michelle Zayakosky

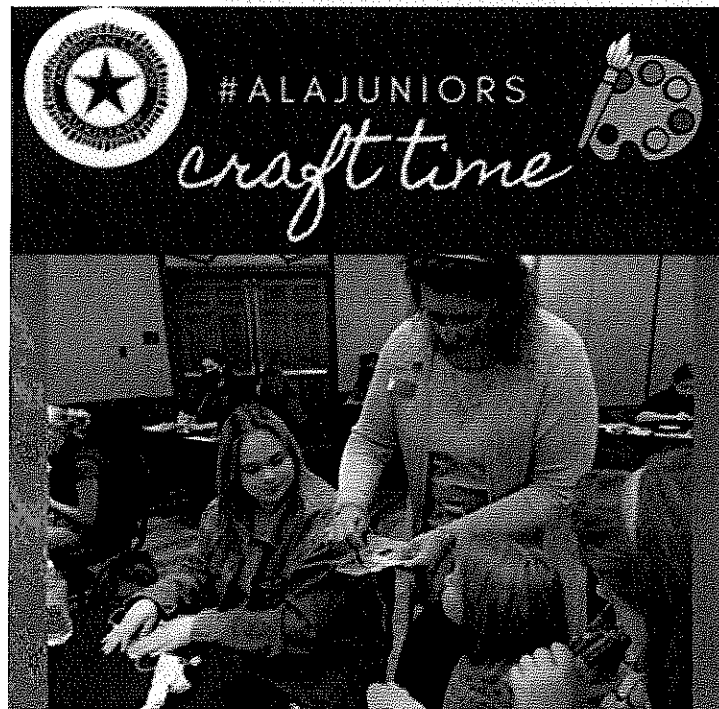
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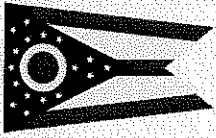
Everyone should have the POA's and we ask that you read them for ideas, instructions for completing reports and applying for awards. Please ask if you are unsure, we are here to support you!

Junior Activities POA has been enhanced this year. Your feedback is important!

NO craft books were submitted for the 2019-2020 year, let's change that for 2020-2021!

Keep it simple, don't feel overwhelmed, just give it a try! All the holidays are coming up, are you having an event with center pieces? Ask Juniors to help, take photos. If one of your Juniors attended School of Instruction, they already have one craft completed! Please contact me if you need that photo or have any questions, post214michellez@gmail.com or 216-337-3178.





IMPROVISE (use what is available)

ADAPT (adjust to new conditions)

OVERCOME (succeed)



2020 BULLETIN #2

LEADERSHIP

PAM BATES, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

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OFFICER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT

- Uses the ALA Unit Guide
- Develops and Distribute an Agenda to All Members in attendance
- Maintains order at meetings and keeps meetings on track (hint: agenda)
- You Are: A Liaison with the Legion, Sons, Riders and Community
- You are: A Facilitator, Motivator, Member in Good Standing
- Dresses Appropriately
- Makes Sure the Unit's Governing Documents are Up to Date and Available at the meetings
- Appoints Qualified, Energetic and Can Do Chairmen & Keeps in Contact with Them
- Keeps Members & Chairmen and Executive Committee Informed
- Welcomes and Introduces New Members and Guests
- Makes sure the room arrangement fits the Unit's style of meeting
- Arrives early on meeting night just in case you need to have any discussions with your officers or chairmen
- Prepared for Personality and Business Conflicts
- Sees that Chairmen Compile & Submit their Mid & Year End Reports and Program Reports to the Appropriate District or Department Chairmen

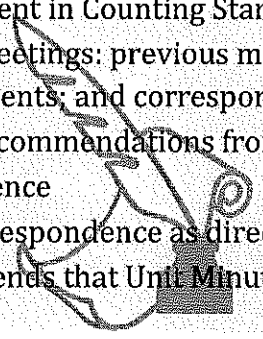
VICE PRESIDENT

- Support System for the President
- Steps in When President is Not Available
- Assists in Duties as Assigned in Unit Governing Documents

SECRETARY

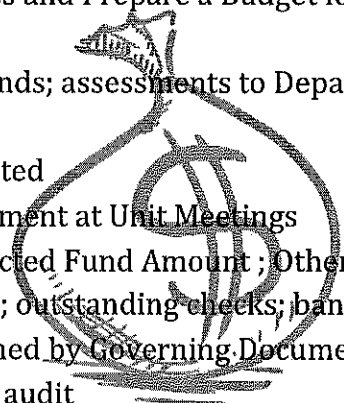
- Official Record Keeper
- Tracks What Transpires at Meetings and Reads the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Prepares Minutes from the meeting ASAP
- Makes Copies of the Previous Minutes to Give to Officers and Attendees

- Conducts a Verbal or Silent Roll Call
- Assists the President in Counting Standing Votes
- Has on Hand at Meetings: previous meeting minutes; list of committee chairmen; copy of Governing Documents; and correspondence to be read
- Reads Only the recommendations from Executive Committee meetings.
- Read correspondence
- Prepares any correspondence as directed by the President
- National recommends that Unit Minutes be filed not only with the Secretary but Elsewhere and Digital



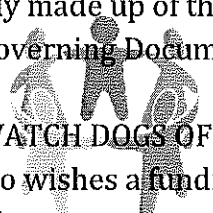
TREASURER

- Entrusted with the Custody of the Unit's Funds
- Spend only the money authorized by the governing body
- Bill and Collect Dues from Members
- Use Proper Accounting Procedures and Prepare a Budget for Executive Committee and membership approval
- Record payment: dues; special funds; assessments to Department and National; fund raising activities; restricted funds
- Issue Receipts of All Money Collected
- Provide a Monthly Financial Statement at Unit Meetings
- Report: Beginning Balance; Restricted Fund Amount ; Other Program; designated monies; income; expenses; ending balance; outstanding checks; bank balance
- Prepare for All Audits as Determined by Governing Documents
- Should be present to facilitate the audit
- Ensure compliance with the IRS, Form 990...prepare and submit annually
- Pay BONDING FEE...check and make sure your Unit has paid the Department Bonding fee
- Prepare an expense /income sheet for your members to fill out for accountability
- National recommends that finance records be stored with the Treasurer and an additional elsewhere; also recommended digital



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- The Executive Committee is usually made up of the Officers and a couple of additional members as determined by the Governing Documents and should make up an uneven number
- Members of the committee ARE WATCH DOGS OF finances and unit management
- Unit Chairmen or any member who wishes a fundraiser or anything that involves money, should be approved by this committee



WIN A PRIZE: First snail mail and first email with correct answer(s): (1) The President _____ and _____ an Agenda to All Members in attendance.. (2) Who is the President's support system? (3) List the documents that the Secretary should have on hand at a meeting. (4) The Treasurer issues _____ of All Money Collected. (5) The Executive Committee are watch dogs of _____ and unit _____. **PRINT:** YOUR NAME – ADDRESS - PHONE- EMAIL - DISTRICT – UNIT with entry. Also ID the answers: "from bulk mail #2".

Legislative

Our R.A.C.E. for Veterans' is ongoing, and your Legislative Program is a major part of that effort. The pandemic may have changed the way we interact with our legislators, but we must continue to support The American Legion Legislative Agenda. The American Legion Auxiliary has been and will continue to be a strong advocate for veterans and national security issues promoted and supported by The American Legion.

Members can assist by serving on The American Legion Auxiliary's National Legislative Council. The form to volunteer to serve on the Council is on the back of this sheet and can be copied as needed. Members serve for two years and we would like to have a member from each congressional district. After completing the form, please return it to me as it requires the signature of the Department President.

Without leaving you home, you can join the ALA Legislative Facebook Page. You can also sign up for The American Legion Action Alerts by going to legion.org and click on Legislative Action Center under the Legislative Program. You can then enter your email and zip code to begin receiving alerts.

Letters and phone calls are still great ways to communicate with your legislators. Please send copies of all your correspondence to me so that you can be recognized at the Department Convention.

Your mid-year report to me by December 15th will provide me with the information that I need for my report to Susan Masten, Central Division Legislative Chairman.

Remember that contacting officials on state and local issues is just as important as contacting those on the national level. Veterans and their families are affected by your community's issues.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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Membership – Colleen Phillips, 1st Vice President

Thanks to each of you who attended School of Instruction and Special thanks to each member that attended the Fall Conferences. You are Awesome!

To Achieve Goal Please let your Membership know it takes everyone working together. Our theme once again is TEAM= Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

The Membership Chairman is an important organizer. Her “team” is each and every active member. Even a homebound member would be able to make calls, and some may appreciate the opportunity to help her auxiliary unit. It would be a way of keeping some members involved. We need to make calls, checking on members, letting them know we are an organization that succeeds only if we treat each other with caring & respect. Let all members know (even if they are in a Nursing home) we appreciate them for being a member!

Remind members Juniors are eligible for scholarships. Many feel they are too busy to attend one more meeting, we understand. That was me a few years ago when my children were home. But I joined anyway, and the unit was okay with that. It took me 10 years before I attended a meeting and became active. Let others know this is an option and by joining they are helping veterans. Keep them informed about unit activities and when their lives slow down a little, they will attend meetings and become an active member.

We have a new incentive: All Department of Ohio Members who have recruit a NEW member before May 1st , 2021 will have their name entered in a drawing . One entry for each new member! There will be SEVEN names drawn and each of those members will win \$20. One \$20 winner was drawn at School of Instruction and we will have a drawing at Mid-winter for another one; and at least five names will be drawn at convention.



IF you check the Plan of Action you will find more details, like this:

National Award:

National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline) • Presented to: Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary Junior or Senior members into the 2021 membership year. Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2018 membership year • First Deadline: December 14, 2020 • Second Deadline: Flag Day, June 14, 2021. Note: If you win the 10 X 10 award you will have met the requirements for the first deadline of this award and will automatically qualify for & receive this gift. No additional action or form required. Note: You can enter for both deadlines, but if you got the award for the first deadline, to be eligible for the second deadline, you will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14th (cannot be same people from the 10x10 on Dec. 14th deadline) • Materials and guidelines: Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged into the “members only” area to access the page One entry per recruiter.

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award • Award: 100 unit awards of \$100 to be used to advance the ALA mission • Presented to: Units that reach 100% of their 2021 membership goal by November 10, 2020 will be placed into a random drawing from which 100 units will be selected to receive \$100. • Deadline: November 10, 2020 • Materials and guidelines: This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 10, 2020, as verified by ALAMIS Note: Departments must submit Unit goals to National Headquarters by September

We need to be kind and courteous to each other a harsh word is long remembered and hurts others instead, be understanding and patient.



POPPY
KAREN PEEL – CHAIRMAN

It was great to see everyone again at School of Instructions! Thank you for supporting the Poppy Raffle. We raised \$210.00 for the National Creative Arts Festival! The winners were:

- Fall wreath – Donella Klein
- Fall Lantern – Kristen Little
- Poppy Earrings – Jane Ridenour & Colleen Phillips
- Auxiliary Cup – Denise Conrad

Veteran's Day is just around the corner. With it brings the opportunity to raise funds for your Poppy Fund and our veterans. We need to step out the box. We must think beyond what we have always done in the past and get creative! We do not know what we will be facing between now and May of next year. So why not start with some smaller projects to get you started. Just a few ideas:

- Drive thru Poppy Drive on Veterans Day at your Post home
- Dinners – dine in (if you can) or pick up
- Bake less bake sale
- Waterless car wash
- Contact local business for a donation – do not forget to send a thank you card or a certificate of appreciation!

There is so much that can be done. Get started now and you will be ahead of the game. Also – share your ideas. Spread the love around! If you are planning an event and need some assistance – let me know. I would love to come and help!

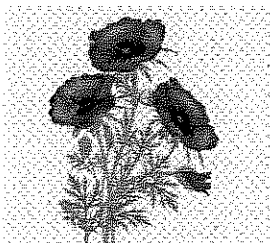
We will have a Poppy Usage Contest at Mid-Winter. Again, this year, we will be judging Seniors and Juniors. Encourage your Juniors to enter. It will be a lot of fun!

I received a lot of Poppy Posters last year. I hope to have more this year! Make sure to read and follow the instructions. Go talk to your local schools. Encourage your Juniors to enter. We have so much talent in the Department of Ohio!

Mid-Winter reports are due to me by December 15th. Drop me a note and let me know what your Unit is doing.

Don't forget to order your poppies before December 31st. Please note that there has been an increase in the shipping costs.

If you have questions, please let me know. I will be glad to help in any way that I can.



Be well and stay safe!

Love you all,

Karen

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"OHIO ADVOCATE NEWS"

It was a pleasure to see everyone at Department School of Instructions. To hear about all the work that was done by our members. But now — let's get this RACE started.

The key to Public Relations is COMMUNICATION! Without communication we would fail our members, Veterans, Military, our children and community.

National and Department Headquarters has offered everyone resources, tools and suggestions on their websites on how to promote our programs successfully. To access these resources from National, go to alaforveterans.org. Create an account and everything is at your fingertips. Our own Department website (www.alaohio.org) has resources to help with our Ohio programs. These tools are for our use.

Department Chairman has outlined key items in their own Plan of Actions, don't forget to watch for the dates on reports. Use the POA as guidelines while promoting our programs. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact them.

Communication can be done by word of mouth, social media such as Facebook and Twitter, newsletters, flyers on events, newspaper articles, email, radio and television. Remember to try and reach out to all of your members. A member may have a computer or smartphone, it doesn't mean their check emails regularly, follow your Facebook page, you may need to go back to basics and just send out an old fashion newsletter by snail mail. Some members prefer to have that newsletter of flyer near at hand for a reminder of a meeting or an event.

Restarting this RACE may seem difficult. We need to think outside the box. Remember to advocate for our Veterans, Military, our children and our communities. Show them we care and support them. Let's not have any pit stops, caution flags, or crashes. Let's have a good clean race.

Cindy Masowick
Public Relations Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



President Kristen's theme continues this year, as we **R.A.C.E.** for our veterans. Units throughout the state are continuing the theme by caring for the needs of veterans, and helping to educate families and the community.

I am asking Auxiliary members to share their photos of VA & R fundraisers and events. Post your photos on Facebook with the hash tag, **#ALAOHRACEFORVETERANS**. Once you post the picture, please let me know that you have posted on Facebook, so I can keep track of the number of photos your unit posts. A prize will be given to the unit that posts the most photos of activities and fundraisers with veterans.

This year, VA & R and National Security are teaming up by asking units to make Emergency Preparedness Kits. The units will assemble the kits and distribute them to seniors in their area. Please see the plan of action for details, and do not forget to let us know how many of the kits that were distributed were given to veterans.

The juniors are asking to donate adult and children coloring books, markers, colored pencils, etc. to coincide with President Samantha's theme **Color Your World**. Items will be donated to various veteran facilities throughout the state, as well as home bound veterans.

Please remember that while keeping track of your service to veteran hours, you can also include those hours for Legionnaires and Son's for any sanctioned Auxiliary VA&R Event. At this point, we have not received all of the bars for the Service To Veterans Hours. The bars will be distributed at Mid-Winter. We appreciate your patience.

Remember that each Unit VA&R Chairman is responsible for turning in a Mid-Year Report by December 15, 2020. Please see the Plan of Action for more information.

For those of you who are on social media, American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation has a Facebook Page. You will have to be verified before you are able to join, but it is well worth your time. You will then be able to share and get information from other units striving to assist veterans. Please let me know if you have any questions

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

Looking forward to a great year!!

Susan Schofield Fratino

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